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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number | 09/880,888 |
| Filing Date | June 15, 2001 |
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| Group Art Unit | 2122 |
| Attorney Docket Number | 24783 |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on November 6, 2004
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).

- ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

- iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

- i. Amendment/Reply

- ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

- iii. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

- iv. Other Two Month Extension fee

2. Miscellaneous

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for

a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees

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| <i>Request for Continued Examination (RCE)</i> | | | | \$ 395 | | \$ 790 |
| <i>Multiple Dependent Claims</i> | | | x \$ 180 | \$ | x \$ 360 | |
| Total Claims | 22 - 20 = | 2 | x \$ 25 | \$ | 2 x \$50 | \$ 100 |
| Independent Claims* | 1 - 3 = | 0 | x \$100 | \$ | x \$200 | |
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| | | | TOTAL | \$ | TOTAL | \$ 890 |

a. Authorization to charge the above RCE filing fee of \$890 to the Credit Card number listed on the attached Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038 is attached herewith. In the event additional fees are required, please charge these additional fees to Deposit Account 50-1407. In the unlikely event payment by the Credit Card issuer is refused, please charge the RCE filing fee of \$890 to Deposit Account 50-1407.

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SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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